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SUBJECT: MAY 1976 QUADRIpartite MEETING ON BERLIN:

ATTENDANCE AT MINISTERIAL MEETING

REFS: (A) BONN 7692; (B) STATE 107365

1. BRITISH, FRENCH, AND GERMAN PARTICIPANTS IN BERLIN
PORTION OF QUADRIpartite MINISTERIAL MEETING ARE
REPORTED IN PARA 2.C, REF (A).

2. THE BONN GROUP DERIVES GUIDANCE FOR THE
NEXT SIX MONTHS FROM BOTH THE MINISTERIAL DECISIONS AT
THE QUAD MEETING AND THE FLAVOR OF THE DISCUSSIONS,
NOT ALL OF WHICH CAN BE CONVEYED BY REPORTING CABLES.
IT IS TO THE DISADVANTAGE OF US WORK IN THE BONN GROUP
WHEN THE US REP IS THE ONLY BONN GROUP REP NOT PRESENT
AT THE MEETING. AFTER THE MAY 1975 MEETING, FOR
EXAMPLE, US REP WAS UNABLE DURING THE FOLLOWING SIX
MONTHS TO COUNTER ASSERTIONS BY HIS THREE COLLEAGUES ON
WHAT WAS OR WAS NOT DISCUSSED AT THE QUAD
BREAKFAST. SINCE THE DECEMBER BRUSSELS MEETING, WHICH
THE US REP WAS PRIVILEGED TO ATTEND, WE HAVE BEEN IN A
MUCH BETTER POSITION TO ASSURE A COMMON UNDERSTANDING
OF VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE FOUR PRINCIPALS.

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3. SINCE THE OTHER THREE DELEGATIONS WILL ALL BE
LARGER THAN OURS, THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS RECONSIDERATION
OF INSTRUCTIONS IN REF (B) TO PERMIT INCLUSION OF THE
US BONN GROUP REP. ALSO, THE EXPECTED PRESENCE OF
PRESS SPOKESMEN OF THE OTHER THREE RAISES THE QUESTION
OF WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN WILL ATTEND.

4. REQUEST GUIDANCE.
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